development and anti erosion schemes upto November, 2004.

(7) In principle approval has been accorded by the Planning Commission for the scheme estimated to cost Rs. 41.28 crore for protection of Majuli Island during the 10th Plan.

(8) A scheme approved to take up critical flood control and anti erosion schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak valley for Assam and other North-Eastern States for Rs. 150.00 crore (share of Assam Rs. 81.00 crore) during 10th Plan.

(9) A High Level Task Force constituted to look into the recurring flood and erosion problems including representatives from Assam, which has been asked to submit its report by 31st December, 2004.

(10) A Joint Group of Experts (JGE) on Flood Management has been constituted between India and Bhutan which has representative from State Government of Assam. The JGE held its first meeting in Bhutan in November, 2004.

Construction of Channels in Indira Gandhi Canal Command Area

†2045. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a letter from the State Government of Rajasthan to remove the provision of 10 per cent contribution to be borne by the farmers for the construction of channels in Indira Gandhi Canal's Command area;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if no action taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Command Area Development and Water Management Programme, it is mandatory to recover 10% cost of construction of field channels from the beneficiary farmers. However, in view of difficulties expressed by the Government of Rajasthan, they have

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

been requested to agree to recover the 10% contribution from farmers after allotment of land to them along with the cost of the land before approval of Government of India could be obtained for the same. The Government of Rajasthan has agreed for the same. The case is being further examined.

Private Participation in Water Management

2046. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to review the National Water Policy formulated in 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had taken a decision to involve industrial participation on public-private water management in rain water harvesting and watershed development schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The National Water Policy, 2002 adopted by National Water Resources Council on 1st April, 2002 has a provision for periodical revision as and when need arises. The process of examination and review of all related issues is a continuing activity. However, at present there is no specific proposal for revising the National Water Policy, 2002.

(c) and (d) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Artificial Recharge to Ground Water and Rain Water Harvesting" for implementation with active involvement of the beneficiaries including Local Bodies/Panchayats/Water Uses Associations/Communities/Non-Governmental Organisations/ Voluntary Organisations has been conceived.